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## COMMENT OF THE DAY

### PROTEST NEEDED

NOW that the freighter Hongkong Trader has been released by the Indonesian authorities after several months' detention, a strong protest is needed from the British Government. The Indonesian Consulate in Hongkong claims that the ship was first detained because it did not follow the International flag code. This breach of regulation was "settled" by the payment of a fine.

However this is not the incident that requires investigation so much as the vague and very generalised charge that, in December last year, the ship was smuggling copra. In a Reuter message from Singapore today, Captain Merchant said: "I had all the necessary bills of lading, my cargo of copra was declared, all my port clearances from various places in Indonesia were in order yet after I had picked up 1,600 tons of copra, an Indonesian naval patrol vessel arrested my ship."

### A "FINE"

THE British Government has frequently drawn the attention of the Indonesian authorities to the ship's detention. Official notes were sent in March and again in April, and according to a recent statement in the House of Commons, oral representations were made by the British authorities on at least five occasions.

The House of Commons statement went on to say that on June 12, an official note was sent to Indonesia proposing the release of the ship against a monetary bond of HK\$260,000 and this was paid to the account of the Bank of Indonesia with the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation here. Now comes the news that the Hongkong Trader was released "after her owner paid a fine of MS125,000 (HK\$250,000)." Presumably the fine was paid with the money lodged as a bond. There are ugly conclusions to be drawn from this and it is up to the Indonesian authorities to give an account of their extraordinary action.

Captain Merchant reports that during the ship's 165-day detention, no charges were preferred against either him or the ship. If there are no charges how possibly can any court of law arrive at a finding of guilty and order a \$260,000 fine? And if no charges were made against either the ship or the Captain, why was the Captain, according to his testimony, photographed eight times and questioned more than a dozen times?

### CHAOTIC

CHAOTIC conditions prevail in Indonesia today. The central government's authority is extremely limited and there are dangers of either the Communists or the Army taking over. While the Government's lack of authority in the area where the ship's detention took place—the Celebes and, later, Sourabaya—can be appreciated, there is no excuse at all for it to have committed as blatantly as it did in what has been from the start, a highly questionable undertaking.

ARBITRARY detention of ships carries with it the implication of extortion. Various legal subterfuges may be adopted to conceal the real intention, but from the facts already known it would seem that Britain has a strong case for a strong protest. There is, alas, no remedy for action of this kind, but the bad publicity that this particular case has aroused can do only harm to Indonesia's relations—particularly in the commercial field—with nations and territories in this part of the world.

## UNIVERSITY NEEDS MONEY Unable To Cope With Demands For Entrance

by a China Mail Reporter

HONGKONG University may shortly apply to Government for more funds to expand the University because of the large numbers of students who are applying for admission with no hope of getting in.

### Tanker Sinks Off Gibraltar

Gibraltar, Aug. 22.

The tanker World Splendour sank tonight 30 miles east of Gibraltar, it was announced here.

The 25,000-ton tanker, which was flying the Liberian flag, was on its way from Britain to the Persian Gulf to take on a shipment of oil, when the explosion occurred yesterday.

Attempts by the British tug Conscient to take the burning vessel in tow had to be abandoned.

It was reported in Gibraltar that the tanker's captain had received orders from the owners to release her from the tow and make for the nearest French port. But he was reportedly compelled to seek the assistance of Gibraltar-based planes of the Royal Air Force, together with the Royal Navy destroyer Delight, an American helicopter, and various small steamers from the British naval base.

### POSSIBLE CAUSE

Technicians from Gibraltar took part in the rescue operations said the exact cause of the disaster was not known. They said it was possible that the explosion could have been caused by an accumulation of gas in the oil tanks and not been completely emptied.

The French tanker Kobed radioed Marseilles tonight that she had taken on board 19 Indians, a Greek and a Frenchman from the crew of the tanker.—United Press & France Prese.

[Agence France-Presse yesterday described the tanker as 60,000 tons. The China Mail accepted this figure—eventually United Press reported 25,000 tons, in one cable—to the light of recent tanker building trends, in the absence of the latest Lloyd's directory which would have given the correct tonnage. Agence France-Presse also gave tonnage in cables from three separate sources. Today's cable descriptions of the tanker give a tonnage of 25,000 tons.—Ed.]

### Climbers Dead

Sondrio, Italy, Aug. 21.

Four German climbers, two men and two women, were found dead today in a niche of rock in the Bernina Pass in the Italian Alps, where they had apparently sought shelter from a violent storm last Sunday.

The climbers were frozen to death. The men had taken up positions on the outside, nearer the entrance to the niche, in what appeared to be a fruitless effort to shelter the women from the killing cold.—United Press.

### BOY WROTE TO MR K FOR STAMPS

Melbourne, Aug. 21.

PETER Maher, an 11-year-old newsboy and stamp collector, had trouble with getting Russian stamps. So he wrote to the top.

He addressed a letter to "Mr Khrushchev, Kremlin, Moscow, Russia," and asked the Communist Party leader to send him some.

The China Mail learned on good authority this morning that a meeting of the University Senate earlier this week took a serious view of the position. Discussions therefore may be held shortly with Government to increase the grant to the University.

Subventions to the University in the last two years are as follows: Estimate for recurrent expenditure, 1957-58, \$5.6 million; 1958-59, \$3 million. Estimate for special expenditure, 1957-58, \$3 million, 1958-59, \$3 million.

### SCIENCE

In one faculty—science—the University has asked Government to help with staff though this is not a question of money so much as a shortage of staff. Unless Government provides this staff for the preliminary science course, instead of taking 78 students in this faculty the University will be forced to take only 35.

And it has received 109 applications for this faculty for the coming academic year.

Science is not the only faculty which has more applicants than places.

Arts and medicine are two others.

In arts, there have been 182 applications. Normally the University takes 120 students in arts faculty but this year it is taking 140 and this involves additional staff.

In medicine, there are 64 applicants for 50 places, but there may be room for two or three more.

### NO PRESSURE

In other faculties there is virtually no pressure. In engineering, for example, there are only 10 applicants and the University is taking all 10.

In the architecture faculty there are 14 applicants, and the University could take 20.

There are also vacancies in the social studies diploma course.

But it is thought that not many students who have opted for particular faculties will be satisfied with the few alternatives that exist, and it is the University's inability to take all who want to enter university to study for specific professions that has prompted the likelihood of an approach to Government for more funds.

### VITAL FUNCTIONS

The professions in greatest demand are those which perform vital functions in the community and which continually require replacement and as the Colony's population grows at the rate of a net 90,000 a year, growth.

Now turn to page 10 and see the effect that cramped conditions in some faculties in the university have on Hong Kong students.

### SEES FIRST LION

London, Aug. 21.

Nathaniel Nuno, 13, a boy Scout from Ghana, went to the London Zoo yesterday to look at the lions.

"I had my leg pulled so much about never having seen a lion that I had to go to the Zoo before returning to Africa," he explained.—United Press.

—Reuter.

### SHANGHAI CEMETERY BEING MOVED

London, Aug. 21.

THE Foreign Office today announced that the Shanghai municipal authorities are making arrangements to transfer the remains of persons buried in one public cemetery in the city to the Chi An public cemetery further away from the centre of the city.

The Foreign Office stated that the arrangements planned appeared to be "adequate and satisfactory" but invited enquiries from the next of kin of persons buried in the cemetery concerned who wish for further details.

A Foreign Office statement today said: "Information has been received that the Shanghai Civil Affairs Bureau has decided to move the municipal Pa Hsien Chiao Cemetery at 1561, Pu An Road (formerly Rue Vouillemont) to the Chi An Public Cemetery about 16 miles from the centre of Shanghai to meet the requirements of municipal construction."—Reuter.

### POLICE CHARGE MOB IN ACCRA

Accra, Aug. 21.

Police today used batons for the second day running to disperse demonstrators in Accra.

An official statement issued tonight said police baton charged demonstrators in Bukom Square, Accra, after a patrol had been stoned.

The statement said the patrol was unable to deal with the situation and summoned reinforcements.

"A mob estimated at 300 were dispersed by a baton charge," the statement added.

"Windshields of three police cars were smashed and three policemen were injured by broken bottles."

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### DISARMAMENT TALKS

## West Moves Nearer To Red Position

London, Aug. 21.

THE Western Powers at the five-nation disarmament conference here today proposed an initial two-year suspension of nuclear tests, conditional on the functioning of satisfactory inspection systems—thus moving closer to the Russian position.

But Mr Valerian Zorin, the Soviet representative, reiterated Russia's insistence that cessation of tests should be unconditional. He called this the chief obstacle to agreement.

President Eisenhower, in Washington, described the new Western offer as "a major step towards reaching a sound and safeguarded first-step arms control agreement."

### NATO MEETING

In Paris, the permanent council of the 15-nation North Atlantic Pact has been called into special session for Monday to study the proposals.

Britain, France, the US and Canada have called the meeting. Diplomatic observers in London consider that on the key issue of suspension of tests the parties are no nearer agreement.

In Washington, British and American experts were cautious in predicting the outcome of the Western offer, but said it was now up to the Soviet Union to decide whether it wanted real progress.

—Reuter.

### FOOTBALL RIOT IN MALAYA

Kuala Lumpur, Aug. 21.

Hot, squad police lined a football field today when free for all fighting broke out in a championship soccer match between Chinese and Indian teams.

Policemen with tear gas bombs, revolvers and heavy batons stood guard while spectators and players cooled down.

Stone throwing spectators knocked out one player and injured another.

An Indian goalkeeper was sent to hospital after being kicked in the stomach.

At one stage a spectator was on the field punching a player who was himself involved in a fight with another player.

—Reuter.

### IN SYRIA

Meanwhile in Syria today,

the Communists continued their relentless takeover.

Blueprint plans prepared secretly by the Communists in readiness for the coup were put into operation.

First came the opening of the special "Office for Civil Servants."

Its job—to sift every official

in every ministry. It has already started to draw a card index of every official in the country.

Many of the informants

were already contained in the Communist secret files.

A systematic purge down,

to clerks level has started and in

the Army more officers were

sacked. Some previously dismissed and placed under normal house arrest were gaoled.

—Reuter.

### AERIAL BOMB HITS CAR

Phoenix, Aug. 21.

A small bomb, the kind used for target practice by Air Force planes, fell out of the sky over Phoenix on Tuesday and ripped through a parked automobile just after the driver had stepped out of the vehicle.

The bomb didn't explode but it did cause a mystery as to where it came from. Normally military aircraft do not fly over Phoenix City.

Officials at Air Force bases in the area were checking to see if the missile came from one of their planes.

—United Press.

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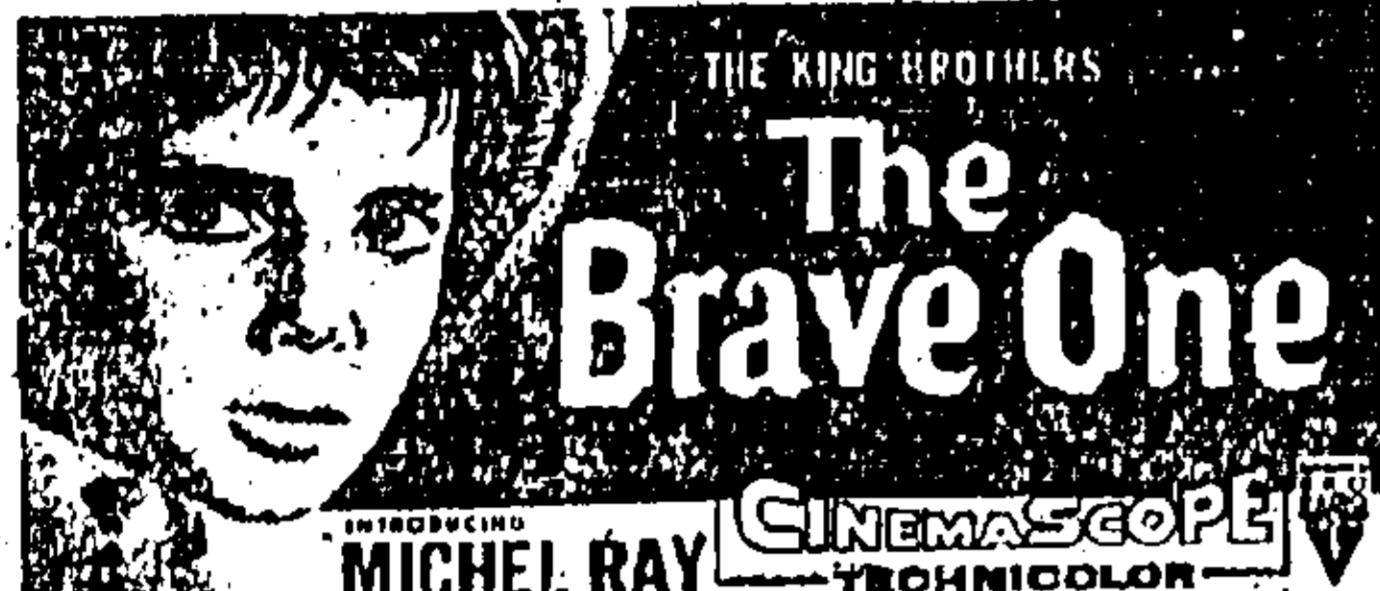


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## SUPPRESSION PROTEST

### Misleading Denials Alleged

Nicosia, Aug. 21. REPRESENTATIVES of the foreign press in Cyprus today jointly protested against suppression of news on operations in Cyprus in the past few months.

The protest was presented by the pressmen with the heads of the Island's Public Relations Services.

#### Complained

The correspondents complained against "suppression, mishandling, delays and general inadequacy" of the information services, particularly in connection with anti-Eoka operations.

The correspondents cited 26 individual instances of news stories covering the last three months, which included cases where British correspondents were forced to obtain operational news from Cypriot sources in the absence of official information.

They also complained that often official details proved unsubstantiated and misleading.

#### Put It Out

A security forces spokesman said he thought nothing newsworthy had happened in the operational field in the past few months and "if there's anything of news value I shall put it out."

Correspondents pointed out it was up to them to decide the news value of operational events and not up to officials to dictate this.

A second meeting was promised for Thursday next week, at which correspondents will raise a further series of complaints.—Reuters.

### BRITANNIA SERVICE TO CEYLON DEFERRED

London, Aug. 21. The British Overseas Airways Britannia service to Ceylon was deferred today because the runways at Rathnala Airport were "unsuitable for aircraft of this size".

The first Britannia flight to Ceylon had been due to leave London today. A BOAC spokesman said he did not know when the service would begin now.

Britannia services to Ceylon, scheduled to begin today, cannot be introduced because the runway of the airport is unsuitable for aircraft of this size," he announced.

#### PERMISSION

The spokesman said that it might be possible to land Britannia at the Ceylon Air Force base at Negombo in the near future. Government permission would be required to operate out of Negombo.

Improvements were planned for Rathnala Airport.—United Press.

### US Aid For Red Satellites

Washington, Aug. 21. SENATOR James Kennedy, a Democrat, today offered a bill in the Senate to remove restrictions against American aid to Poland and other East European Soviet satellites where such aid was in the interest of the United States.

The bill provides that the President could ignore aid restrictions contained in other acts and offer aid to "Poland or any other Soviet-controlled nation" with the exception of

### TURNS MOSLEM TO SAVE MARRIAGE



### RAF Man Returns To Malaya

WHEN this picture was taken, former Royal Air Force sergeant Eric Sutton had brought his 21-year-old Malayan wife Minah home to England, and was feeding the pigeons in London's Trafalgar Square.

Six weeks ago Minah walked out of their bungalow in Sittingbourne, Kent, and returned to Malaya. Now 27-year-old Eric has decided to spend the rest of his life as a Moslem in Malaya—so they can be together again.

#### MARRY AGAIN

Minah has insisted that Eric, whom she met while he was in Malaya with the RAF, should settle in Malaya, become a Moslem, and marry according to Islamic rites. Says Eric: "Nothing could make me happier than to comply with her terms. I don't know what work I'll do, but I'll go back to Malaya to spend the rest of my life there as a Moslem."—Express Service.

### Laotian Cabinet Supported By Leftist Units

Tokyo, Aug. 21. New unity was reported in the tiny Kingdom of Laos with the leader of the Leftist Pathet Lao fighting units supporting the new Laotian Cabinet.

The New China News Agency quoted a Vietnamese report, said Tuesday Prince Souphanouvong, leader of the Pathet Lao, has issued a statement backing the new Cabinet of Prince Souvanna Phouma.

The statement by Souphanouvong declared that "if the new cabinet is approved by the National Assembly of Laos it would faithfully carry out its programme, it would serve the interests of the people and help enhance the prestige of the Laotian Government," the agency reported.

#### PROGRAMME

The statement "noted" that the programme included:

★ The faithful carrying out of all signed agreements between the Pathet Lao and Royal Lao (Rex) particularly the joint statement issued on December 28, 1956, on the formation of a coalition government.

★ Accepting of foreign assistance to which no political conditions are attached. (Laos gets aid from both the United States and Communist China.)

★ Establishment of diplomatic relations with all countries, "particularly relations with the neighbours of Laos."

#### FRANCE, EGYPT TO MEET

Paris, Aug. 21.

France will definitely send a delegation to Geneva on August 26 to discuss with Egypt the fate of French property seized by the Egyptians after the Franco-British attack on Port Said last November, informed sources said today.

It will be the first direct contact between the two Governments since the Port Said action.—United Press.

#### Floating Museum

Washington, Aug. 21. The House today passed legislation permitting the ship-craft carrier USS Enterprise to be turned into a floating museum.—United Press.

### INDIA LODGES PROTEST IN SECURITY COUNCIL

New York, Aug. 21. India today protested to the United Nations Security Council over the Mangla Dam project of the Pakistani Government.

In a letter to the President, Colombia's Dr Francisco Urrutia, the Indian Ambassador, Mr. Arthur Lall, said execution of the project was "a further instance of consolidation by the Government of Pakistan of their authority over the Indian territory of Jammu and Kashmir which they continue to occupy by force."

#### VIOLATION

He referred to "this further instance of violation" by the Government of Pakistan of the Security Council resolution of January 17, 1948, "which calls upon both the Governments of India and Pakistan to refrain from making any statements and from doing or causing to be done or permitting any acts which might aggravate the situation."

Mr. Lall did not call for any action by the Council, but he asked that his letter should be brought to the notice of the members.

Mr. Lall also mentioned a clause of the Commission's resolution of August 13, 1948, under which "Pakistani troops are required to vacate the territory unlawfully occupied by them" and he referred to "the recognition of the Government of the State of Jammu and Kashmir as the only lawful government of the state."—Reuters.

### Syrian Attaché Resigns

Amman, Aug. 21. Colonel Omar Kabani, Syrian Military Attaché here, announced today that he has submitted his resignation to the Syrian Defense Minister "as a protest against the present situation in Syria."

An official decree issued in Damascus yesterday released Colonel Kabani and other officers from the service.

Colonel Kabani told reporters that whether he returned home or remained in Jordan depended on what instructions he received from the Syrian Government.—Reuters.

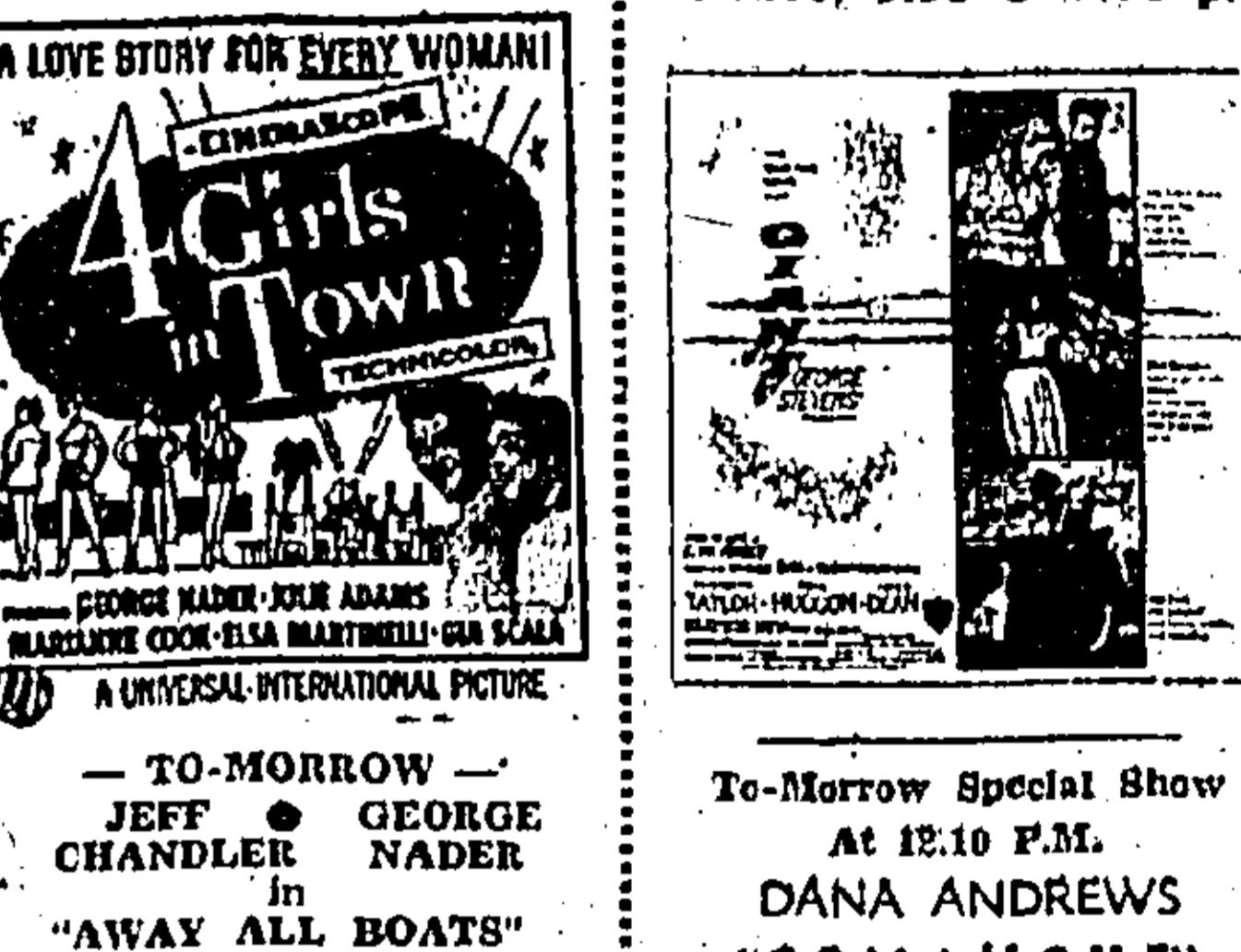
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# KNOWLAND DEFENDS DULLES

## Denies Mid-East Crisis Created By Aswan Affair

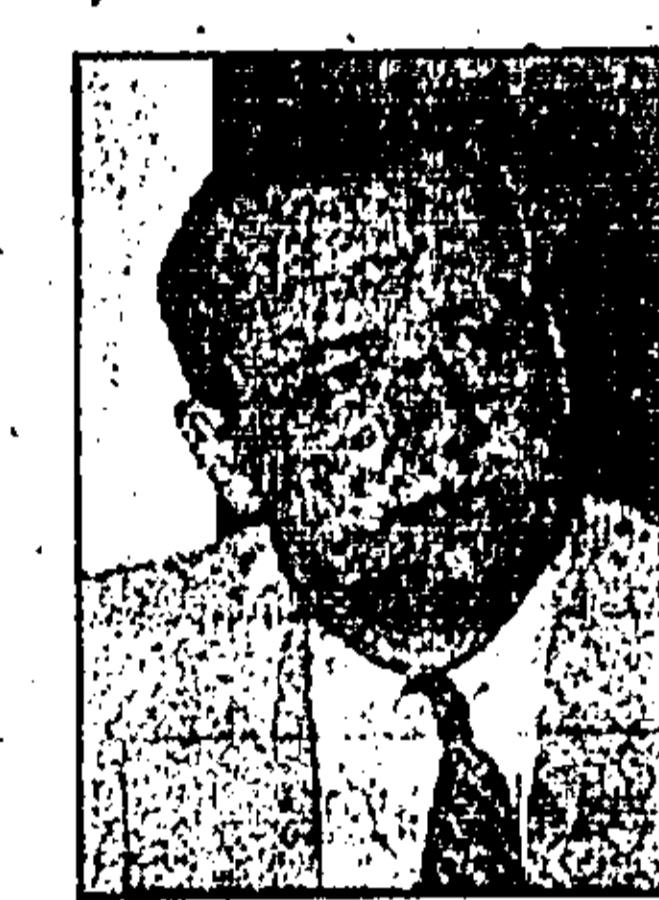
Washington, Aug. 21. THE Senate Republican leader, Mr. William Knowland, today defended the Secretary of State, Mr. John Foster Dulles, and denied that the United States' withdrawal of proposed aid to Egypt for the Aswan Dam created the Middle East crisis.

He spoke before the Senate in a speech which was a reply to one made last week by Senator J. W. Fulbright, who blamed troubles in the Middle East on the way Mr. Dulles handled the Aswan Dam.

### Reviewed Events

Senator Knowland reviewed events leading to the United States' offer of \$4,000,000 to help finance the Upper Nile Valley project and said American efforts to help were "lovingly drawn out and patient."

Meanwhile, he said, Egypt "tried to play the United States



William Knowland  
Criticism Not Justified

## ACTOR IN 'MY FAIR LADY' IN SCUFFLE

New York, Aug. 21. Irish actor Edward Mulhare, star of the Broadway musical "My Fair Lady," suffered face scratches and a torn shirt today in a scuffle on Park Avenue.

Police said Mulhare was riding home with a friend when they stopped behind another car for a red light. After the light changed, the car ahead began to back up.

The driver of the first car,

Mr. Steinberg, said he honked his horn before backing up,

but the car behind refused to budge.

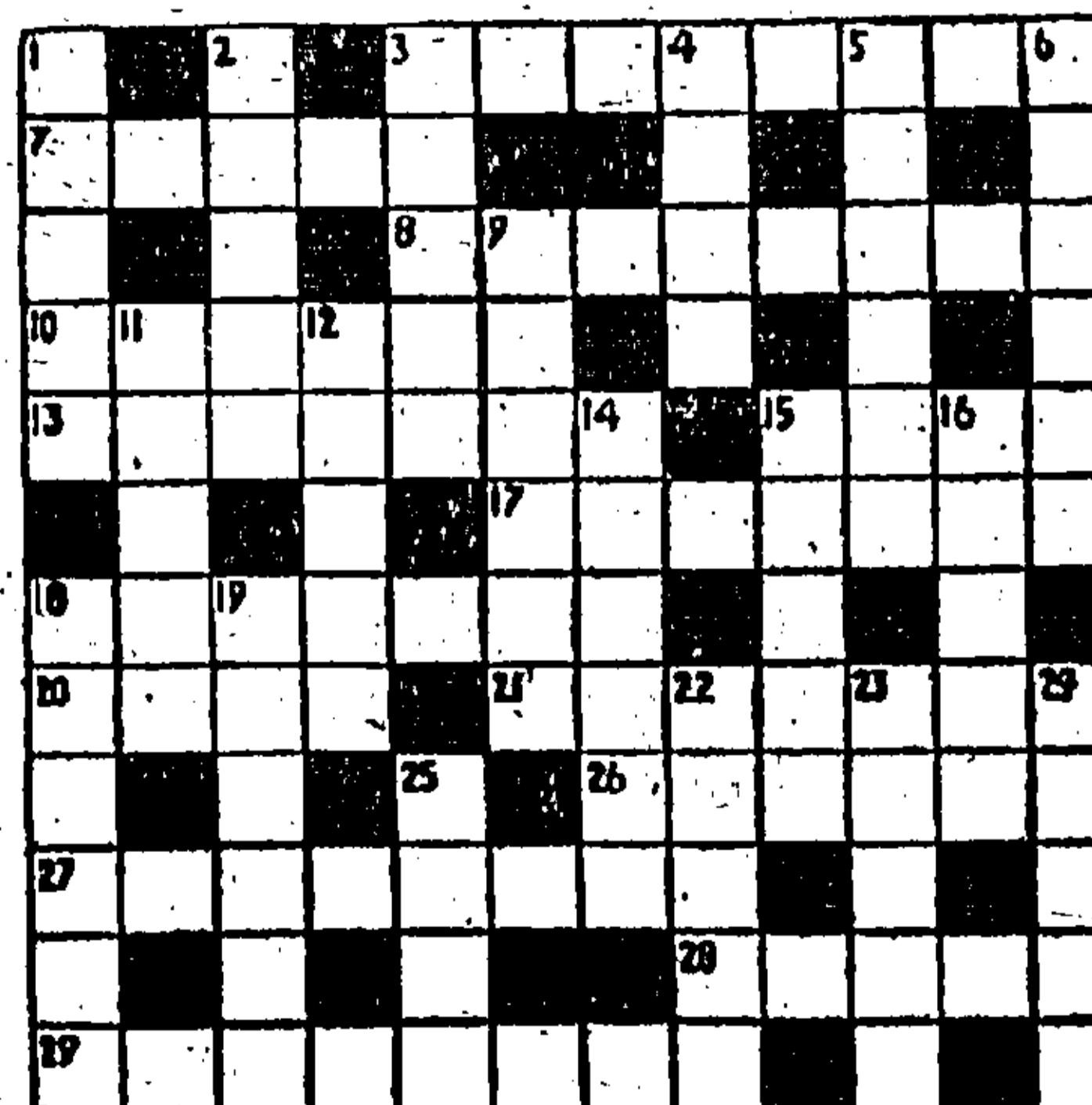
### BUMPER CLASHES

After several bumper clashes, Steinberg and a friend got out of their car. So did Mulhare and his friend. Police broke up the scuffle.

Mulhare said later that he got out of the car because it had no wish to be assaulted sitting down.

Mulhare, substituting for Rex Harrison in the musical, said he would see his attorney about possible legal action. No charges were filed.—United Press.

## A British Crossword Puzzle



**ACROSS**

- Suggested engagement? (6).
- You've to do this (6).
- Prussian, perhaps (6).
- Cut without a knife (6).
- Did someone prout? (7).
- Woe is me! (4).
- Essential to brewing? (7).
- Hurries actively (7).
- Issues an invitation (4).
- All of a kind (9).
- Drivers in Kent, maybe (6).
- Don't do it! (6).
- Provide entertainment (6).
- Could be right (6).
- He has goods on trust (6).
- Perhaps not an attractive picture (6).
- Appears to be (6).
- Covent Garden stuff? (6).
- Knock into shape? (6).
- Herring nicely (4).
- 20 Issues an invitation (4).
- 21 Driven through the mines (7).
- 22 Percolated (6).
- 23 Shows two of the 3 Rs (8).
- 24 Be deserving (5).
- 25 Exaggerates, in a sense (8).

**WEDNESDAY'S CROSSWORD**

1 Across: 1 System, 5 Altar, 6 Rife, 9 Canons, 10 Avoid, 12 Elude, 13 Exit, 15 Urge, 16 Vacate, 18 Leader, 20 Present, 22 Sage, 23 Tired, 26 Tonie, 28 Nation, 27 Raven, 28 Alien, 29 Tunisian, Down: 1 Succumbs, 2 Sensible, 3 Elm, 4 Inisted, 5 Abdicin, 6 Loves, 7 Allus, 14 Negation, 15 Expands, 16 Valkin, 17 Lowest, 19 Eulive, 21 Front, 24 Date.

## SOVIET TALKS WITH GERMANY TO RESUME

Bonn, Aug. 21. West German special ambassador, Rolf Lahr, head of the German delegation to the Soviet-German talks, who returned to Bonn earlier this week for fresh instructions, will leave here for Moscow tomorrow. It was announced today.

Lahr was given final directives by Foreign Minister, Heinrich von Brentano today.

### CONTINUE

Informed sources said the Federal Government wanted to continue the Moscow talks on the basis of the original agenda adopted at the start of the negotiations last month. This provided for the simultaneous study of the problems of the repatriation of German nationals from the Soviet Union, and of trade and cultural questions.

The continuation of the negotiations will thus depend on the attitude of the Soviet Union, the same sources said.

### PROPAGANDA

They stated that the Adenauer Government was seeking to prevent a complete breakdown in the talks, which, coming in the middle of the election campaign, might provide propaganda arguments for the Social-Democrat opposition.

If the Soviet delegation maintained its negative attitude on the repatriation issue, the German delegation might ask for the adjournment of the negotiations until after the German general elections, informed sources said.—France-Press.

## NY PAPER LAUDS UK MOVE

New York, Aug. 21. The New York World-Telegram said today, "We can applaud the disclosure that British forces in the Far East are going to be equipped with atomic weapons as soon as they become available."

"It means, we are encouraged to think, a halt, or at least a slowdown, in the British trend of appeasement of Communist China," the editorial added.

"The atomic weapons will be intended only for use if necessary against the Red forces still hopeful of further Asian conquests."

### STILL RELIES

"Britain's eyes, of course, are on Malaya which becomes independent on August 31 but still relies on Britain for defense."

"Red China, which supports the Communists fighting in Malaya, will scream at Britain's decision to lay on some atomic arms. India's Nehru and the leftish-inclined neutrals will protest. But Britain's decision is realistic and it should take the heat off us for keeping our atomic guard up on Formosa, Okinawa and elsewhere in the Far East," Reuter.

### TRUE SITUATION

Authoritative Syrian sources said Tarsus discussed with the envoys the true situation in Syria, which, an imperialist campaign of false reports seeks to distort."

Foreign Minister, Salah Bitar, plans to report today to acting President Nazeh Joudsi on "political questions of interest to the Arab world, including Oman and the Syrian delegation move in the United Nations to submit to the Secretary-General a detailed report on the latest American plot," these sources said.—France-Press.

### INDONESIA TO HOLD CRIPPLES SEMINAR

United Nations, Aug. 21.

A Far Eastern seminar on the rehabilitation of crippled will be held in Solo, Indonesia, from August 26

to September 7, under the auspices of the Government of Indonesia.

### U.S. Airline To Fly Polar Route

New York, Aug. 21.

This World Airlines will inaugurate the fastest west coast to Europe service, via the Polar route, beginning on September 20, the airline announced today.

Using the new radar equipped jetstream, the world's longest range airliner, TWA will fly from Los Angeles to London without a scheduled fuel stop.

According to Mr. Arthur L. Stewart, TWA's regional vice President of Sales, the airline expects to fly the Polar route from Los Angeles to London non-stop as often as possible.

### Earthquake

Ottawa, Aug. 21.

An earthquake of "surprising force" struck the Ottawa valley about 50 miles southwest of here last night, the Dominion Observatory reported today.—United China Mail Special.

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# Would the Queen be better off without her Peers?

AFTER all the pompous scuffling that has gone on round the Throne in the last ten days, after all the brickbats have been flung, and one solemn pink face has been duly clouted, what is it that remains gleaming among the debris?

A small solid nugget of truth.

A piece of truth about Britain's hereditary aristocrats—about the dukes, the earls, the barons...

For ages on end there has been a theory about these men of inherited title.

"They may not always be very clever"—the theory goes—"their titles may not be very democratic, but at least they help to buttress the Throne, without the aristocracy, the Monarchy would be exposed, undermined—the sole hereditary institution in a land of rampant democracy."

## SHAKY

SUCH was the theory. It was put into words by the young man who wrote this attack on the Queen and on the peers who serve her happens to be an hereditary peer himself.



achievement alone. On his achievement in being born son and heir to the first Lord Altringham.

Otherwise we can be certain that his article would barely have got into print.

What an ironic effect for an inherited title to have! For what, after all, is the point of being poor? It has no point at all unless it means that these men are the peers—the equals and partners—of the Queen herself. That is, the historical justification of the Crown.

In the past this partnership worked both ways. The peers received their honours and they repaid the Crown with definite services—with men and money in times of war, with hard work as counselors in peace-time.

Yet what benefit does the Queen get from the partnership today? In the case of the Altringham peerage she has obviously got nothing but harm.

But what of the other inherited peers? What benefit have they brought to the Throne in recent months?

Precious little.

Take the example of the premier duke himself, the Duke of Norfolk.

If he were plain Bernard Marmauke Filzalan Howard, his recent attempt to secure taxation privileges for himself and his family might have done no particular harm.

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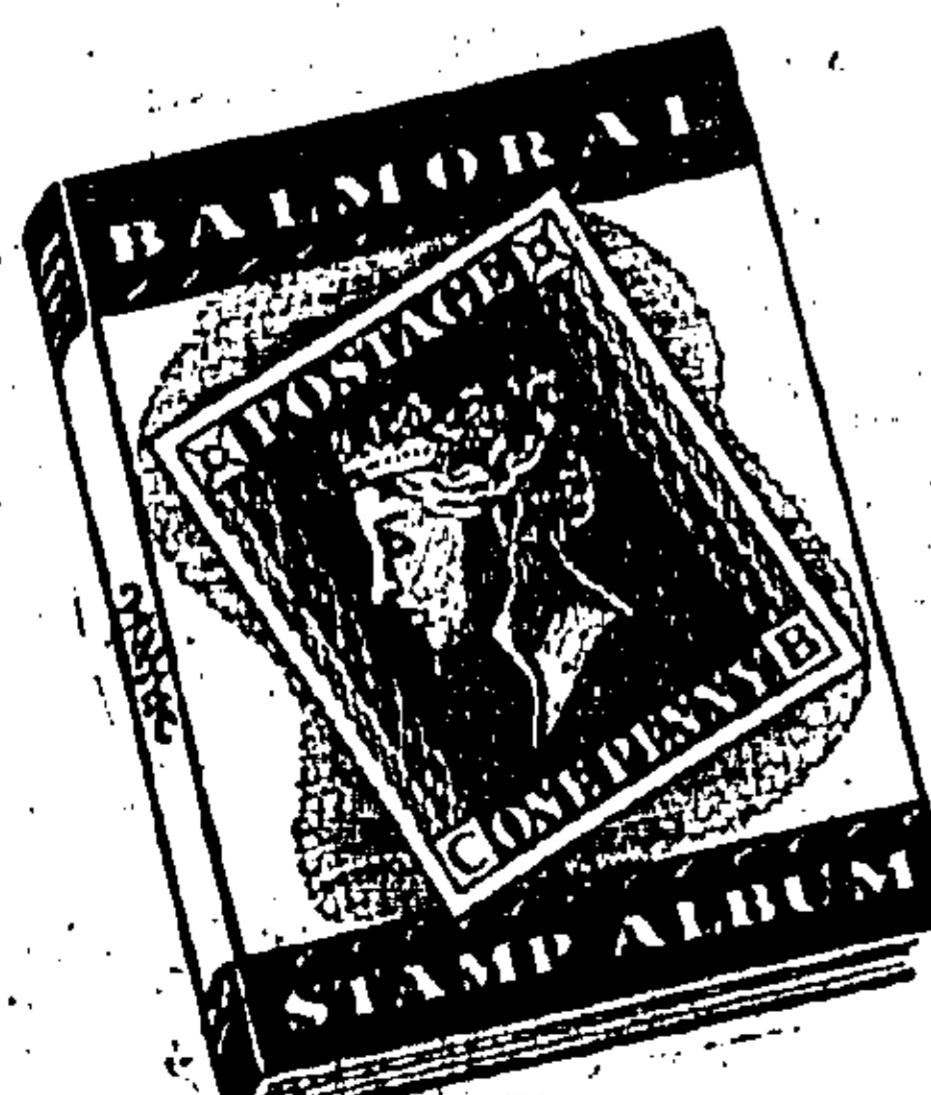
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"There'll be some hollering when we get in—I locked Grandma in the bathroom before we went away."

For who, when you think of it, is Lord Altringham?

What has he ever achieved?

What has he done?

## ETON, GUARDS

WELL, he was educated at Eton. He served two years in the Guards. Then he went to Oxford where, after being led to a police station in handcuffs, he was fined £5 for assaulting a policeman.

And after Oxford he was defeated in two parliamentary elections.

That is the broad scope of the Altringham success story.

Yet the flat, unpollished phrases of this young man's article on the Queen have echoed raucously round the world.

Why?

The answer is that Lord Altringham's claim to world attention rests on one

hour Mr Macmillan was called to the Palace and handed the job.

Lord Salisbury was one of the most prominent and authoritative members of the previous Government. Although it would clearly have been voted for the Tory M.P.s to have voted for their own leader, Lord Salisbury—whatever his title and family—was an obvious person in the circumstances for the Queen to consult.

Yet can it be said that, as an hereditary aristocrat, his intervention really helped the prestige of the Crown in the eyes of ordinary people? Of course it did not. It added an almost feral touch to the Queen's part in a week of crisis.

## THE PRESTIGE

THEN turn to those peers who, by virtue of title rather than business experience, allow their names to decorate the letter-heads of all kinds of business companies.

No one can blame them for picking up an easy penny. No one can blame the business men for using their titles as company assets.

But equally let no one forget what lies behind the arrangement. Every company which fills out its boardroom with men of title is indirectly, and unconsciously, exploiting the prestige of the Crown.

Sometimes, indeed, such exploitation of the Crown is something more than indirect.

This month, for instance, we have had the extraordinary spectacle of Vice-Admiral Sir Conolly Abel-Smith advertising his private six-ton sloop for sale (at £2,300) in the Personal Column of The Times. The address to which would-be buyers are directed to apply? The Royal Yacht Britannia.

Who is this Sir Conolly who now uses the royal yacht as a residence? He himself is a member of distinguished lineage. And his wife, Lady Mary, is the sister of the Earl of Southampton.

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## IF YOUR BOY WERE GOING TO CHEAM . . . THIS IS WHAT THE BROCHURE WOULD TELL YOU

by JOHN S. MATHER

air swimming-pool 90ft. by 60ft.

The school is centrally heated. There modern comforts, with an ancient thought behind them, are provided for 92 boys.

## Warmth

THE boys arrive usually at eight and a half years and stay until 13. No day boys.

What, apart from money and background, is demanded from an entrant? Well, he must be able to read and write and know his multiplication tables. And that's about all.

There's Mr Mark Wheeler, formerly of Cambridge. And then there is Mr Peter Beck, formerly of Cambridge.

It offers tradition. Since 1855 Cheam has been the first of the few really exclusive prep. schools.

There is the usual relic of the pre-Victorian curriculum—Greek, taught to a few boys at the top. The art of drawing is recognized—but only in the two lowest forms.

Healthy

IT stands on the Basingstoke road, 325ft. above sea level. And for £94 a term, and with the right background, your boy could go there too.

These places make themselves comfortable so to speak. They provide for themselves behind closed walls. A kitchen garden, an orchard, shrubberies, flower garden, and playing-fields.

But there is not a single reference to science in the brochure issued by the school.

Yet Charles is following in father's footsteps in going to the school.

And three spinneys, and separate cricket and football fields. With space for four games of each to be going on at the same time.

And a hard tennis-court and a grass court and an open-

which features modern discipline.

If I were a little younger and therefore ripe for entry to a prep. school I would select Cheam on the basis of one sentence in the school's prospectus.

It says this: "There is no work before breakfast."

Work before breakfast? Does that mean that, uninterested so far by this newspaper, there are schools in this country which demand work before breakfast?

Does the Ministry of Education know of this? Rather, does the Ministry of Health know of it?

There are two sickrooms with central heating, and a school doctor in Newbury who attends the boys as private patients.

The boys may read newspapers and magazines and organise their own gardens and sail model yachts. And when bored with all this they can look forward to visitors.

Parents may go along three times a term—and presumably the Queen and Prince Philip will do so on Saturday or Sunday for the first three and last two week-ends.

## Pattern

FREEDOM? Well, the boys are allowed up to £1 pocket a term and to go into hotels but not shops. They cannot get a night away. They don't get long week-ends.

If life becomes too much for them they can take up the piano or violin at £3 13s. 6d. a term or carpentry at £2 2s.

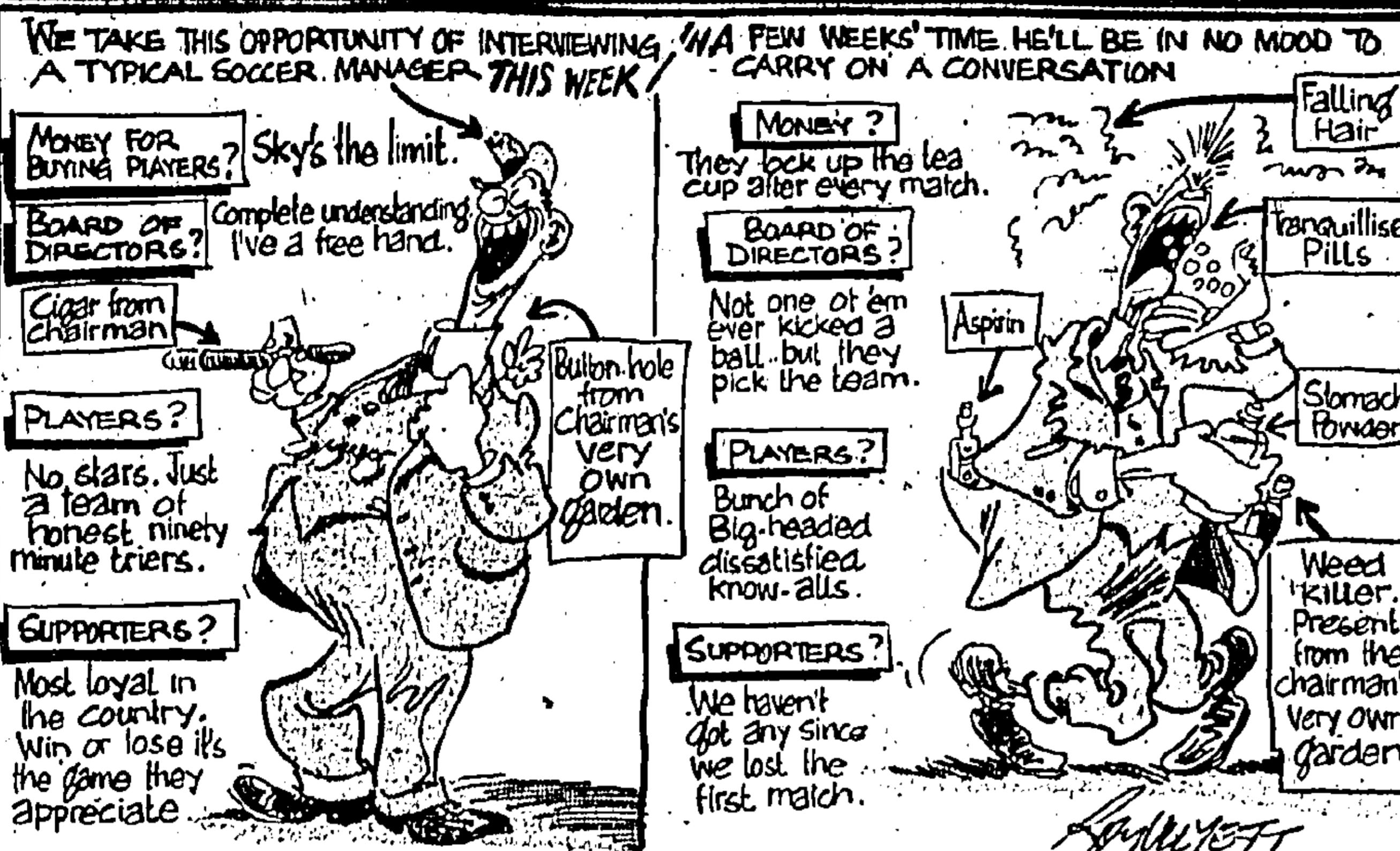
And that is the pattern of life for the Prince for the next five years.







## Roy Ulyett ... See how they change



## FIFA Ban May Mean No More Top Class Football For Puskas

By DEREK JOHN

Association football looks like being robbed of one of its greatest players. He is not too old, neither is he unfit. He has not committed any soccer crime. But he is banned.

For he is Ferenc Puskas, master of ball control of tactics, master of football. Puskas, who led Hungary to their great four-year unbeaten run in world football, led fleeing footballers from the country during last autumn's revolution. Because of that he has been banned by the Hungarian FA until October 21, 1958.

So he cannot play in any country linked to the FIFA—the governing body of international football—until that date. And that seems to be too long out of the game for tubby 31-year-old Puskas. It seems that he has played his last game, at least in top-class soccer.

Hundreds of footballers were among the thousands who fled from Hungary last year. But only Puskas along with a dozen other stars have been put on the suspended list by the Hungarian FA.

It is an act of soccer vengeance for political motives. It seems incredible that it could happen. It is incredible. But it's so darned legal.

### A GOOD THING

The soccer world is united under FIFA. That's a good thing for if one country takes certain action it gets the support of the others. And this includes suspending players. All very well in theory. But suspending the original suspension was unfair?

Then it's time to take a new look, to stop blindly taking rules and regulations, time for FIFA to say to Hungarians: "Show me how being a refugee is against football rules and we'll support you. Otherwise, go and take a free kick at yourselves."

Since he fled, Puskas has been the centre of fantastic bids from Italy and South America. He has been waiting in Vienna for the Hungarian FA to speak. Now Hungary has spoken.

Puskas is likely to accept a job as coach to the Greek national team. The job is for six months. After that he will probably coach in South America.

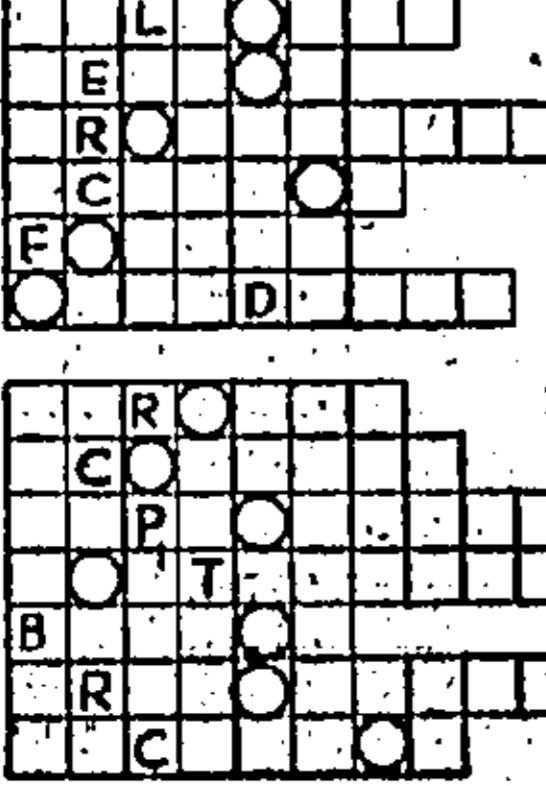
Whisper it softly in the Long Room, but the cricket amateur is on the way out. Peter May, Colin Cowdrey and Peter Richardson, who have formed the backbone of England's batting these past seasons, may

- 1 Study of power
- 2 Fatalities
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- 9 Number of people
- 10 Figures
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- 12 Output
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Solution on Page 1

### NAMESAKES

INSTRUCTIONS: Fill in the spaces against each of the clues below with a word related to my life. The letters in circles spell out my name. Who am I?



### Going by air?

then BE SPECIFIC



## Sports Diary

### TODAY

Meeting Executive Committee, IFCASPA, Bld Post Ltd Board Room, 8.30 p.m.

Golf Children's Golf at Deep Water Bay—Boys Match.

Lawn Bowls Open Triples, at HKCC, JKCC and KGBC.

TOMORROW

Lawn Bowls Open Triples, HKCC.

Water Polo Semi-finals, winners of "B" and "C", Victoria Barracks.

Contract Bridge Inter-Club Junior Team of Eight Tournament, Jewish Recreation Club, 9.30 p.m.

### ENGLAND'S NO. 3

Walter Smith, of the Cape of Good Hope team; Birmingham, is graded England's No. 3 by the English Bowls Union. But he has been dropped from the Warwickshire and Worcestershire county side to play Staffordshire.

For despite his politeness, Billy has strong views on every facet of the game and is by no means afraid of airing them.

And coming from Billy they are respected, and that is why it is almost certain that he will end up on the Committee of the Players' Union.

### ONE CLUB MAN

Today Billy Wright is known, respected and liked wherever soccer is played. At 32, this one club man who was once told by Major Buckley that he was too

young to go on playing as he is now, is to be given a night of thud and blunder.

What we had in fact was a boxing lesson served up by London. And no one was more surprised than Lowe who just wasn't prepared for such nice.

He lost eight of the ten rounds.

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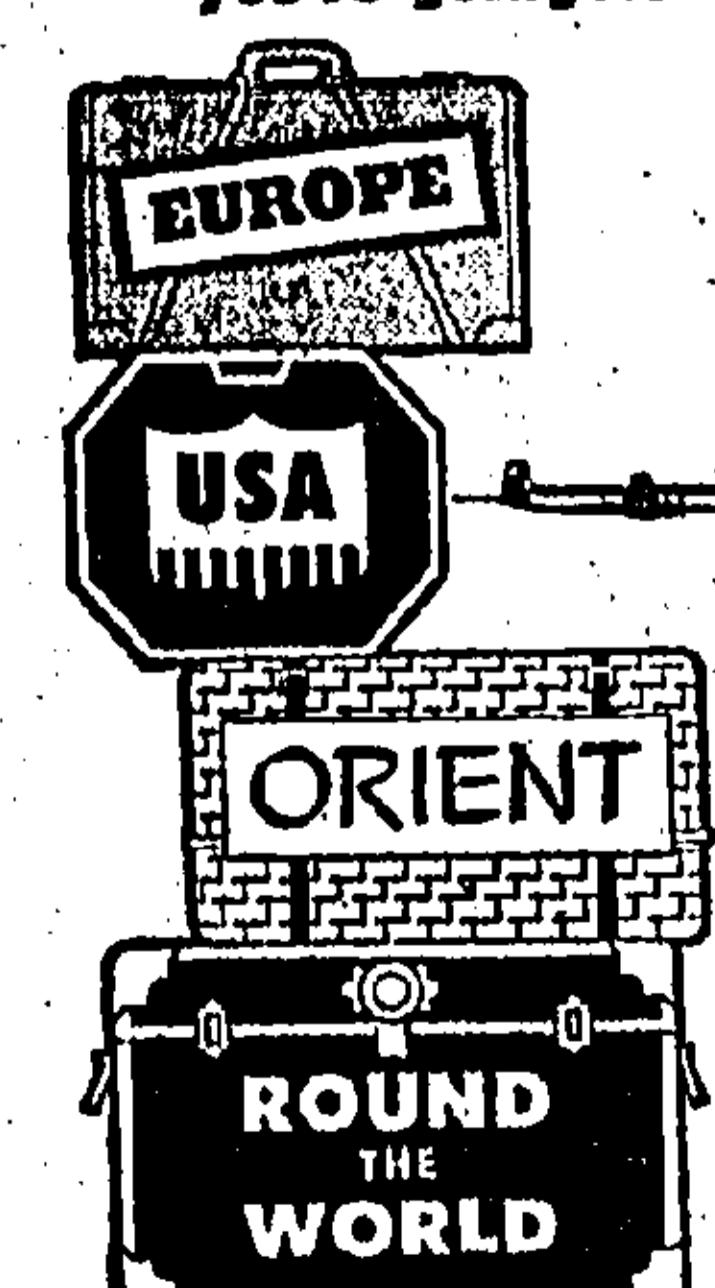
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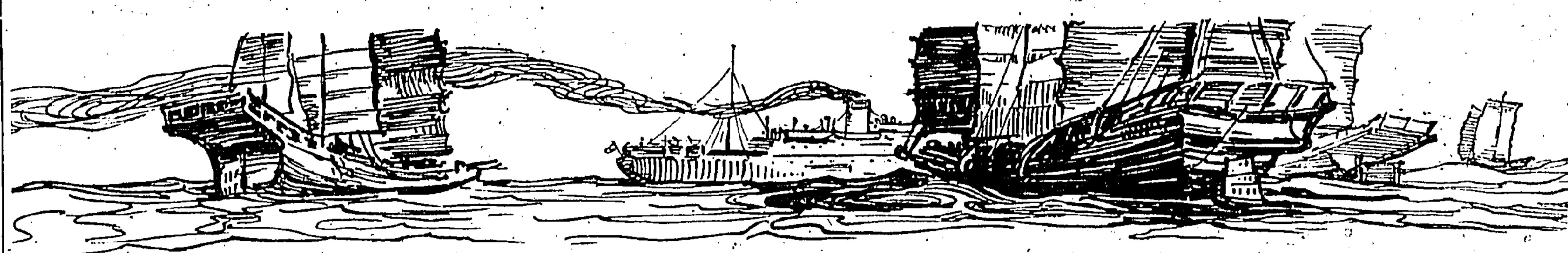


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## FAMOUS CHINA COAST PIRACIES: ANOTHER INSTALMENT IN THIS FASCINATING CHINA MAIL SERIES

## The Pirates Found Me Asleep



**PURSER. CARNEIRE**  
of the Shuntien opened the door of his cabin.

It should have been Chefoo, but at 8.15 a.m., a man who had slept soundly could hardly be expected to distinguish between the Shantung coast where the Shuntien stopped for the pilot, and the mouth of the Yellow River.

The first man the purser saw wore an Army uniform. In his belt stuck a pistol.

**A Receipt**

Mr Carniere walked over and pleasantly asked him to hand in his gun for safekeeping, as the company's regulations required.

Nonchalantly he continued: "I'll give you a receipt for it and you can collect it before you disembark."

The assurance was ignored. Suddenly Mr Carniere felt what could only have been the barrels of two revolvers screwing into his ribs.

He was pushed through a passage which led to a lower deck smoke room. Inside Captain Christiansen and his officers sat.

Purser Carniere had slept through a piracy which began nine and a half hours earlier. And 25-year-old Third Officer J. P. Ross had been critically wounded by one of the same revolvers which had forced him to the smoke room.

**Rehearsed**

In fairness to Mr Carniere, he was not the only sound sleeper. He had slept right through it too.

This is what had happened. Shunting, a 1,900-ton passenger coaster built in Hongkong's Tukoo Dockyard for Butterfield and Swire, was on only her second voyage from Tangku to Chefoo. That was on Sunday June 17, 1954.

At a given signal, 30 pirates who had boarded Shuntien as deck passengers rose silently from between sleeping forms, stole quietly over to a stack of cases, took out revolvers and rifles, moved to a released position and at 10.30 p.m. each overpowering the guard, rushing the bridge, seizing the wireless room and then the captain's room and the purser's cabin.

That was when young Ross was shot. He rushed down the ladder to the Captain's cabin. He was shot twice, once through the shoulder and again through the arm. And as he reeled over the railings a pirate clubbed the back of his head

with a revolver butt. He

slumped to the deck and was not found until six-and-a-half hours later.

Mr Handley-Derry, who had just had an eye removed in a big operation in Peking, lost

the six false eyes he was taking back to Shanghai.

Much was taken but none was molested. Eventually the passengers were herded into a second class saloon and some, including myself, taken down to an after hatch where we were given hot coffee and ham sandwiches, made by the pirates.

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## HONGKONG STUDENT EXODUS TO OVERSEAS UNIVERSITIES

### Figures Of Recent Departures

By George Chee

A large number of students are leaving Hongkong to study in American, Canadian, Australian and British universities and technical institutes.

In the case of Australia, more than 40 per cent of the people going there are students. In the case of Canada and America, about one-eighth are students.

The reason is to be found partly in the Hongkong University's inability to take all who want to enter.

#### To Specialise

But other students, already university graduates, are going to the major centres of Western learning to specialize in some particular field of their work.

In an interview, Mr. E.H. Moot, Vice-Consul of the America's Immigration Office, said that of the 1,200 people who had left for the United States during the last six months, 180 were students.

"Out of 632 people who left Hongkong for Australia since July 1, 1956, 238 are students," Mr. V.D.P. McNamee, Australian Government Immigration Officer in Hongkong, said.

"Girls go there and take up nursing and boys, science courses," he added.

#### For Canada

Mr. G. E. White, of the Canadian Immigration Office told me, "1,200 have already left for Canada and of these 150 are students; and there are many more on the waiting list."

It is difficult to tell how many have left for the United Kingdom. Because the number of British passports issued do

not represent the number of people leaving for England.

But from the shipping companies and airlines I learn that almost 500 students have left for either Britain, Europe, or other places since January.

Talks with many pupils show that they really don't want to leave the colony.

"I have to leave because there is no accommodation for me in the Hongkong University," said a 19-year-old matriculated pupil.

And this is typical of the comments of departing students.

#### Their Chances

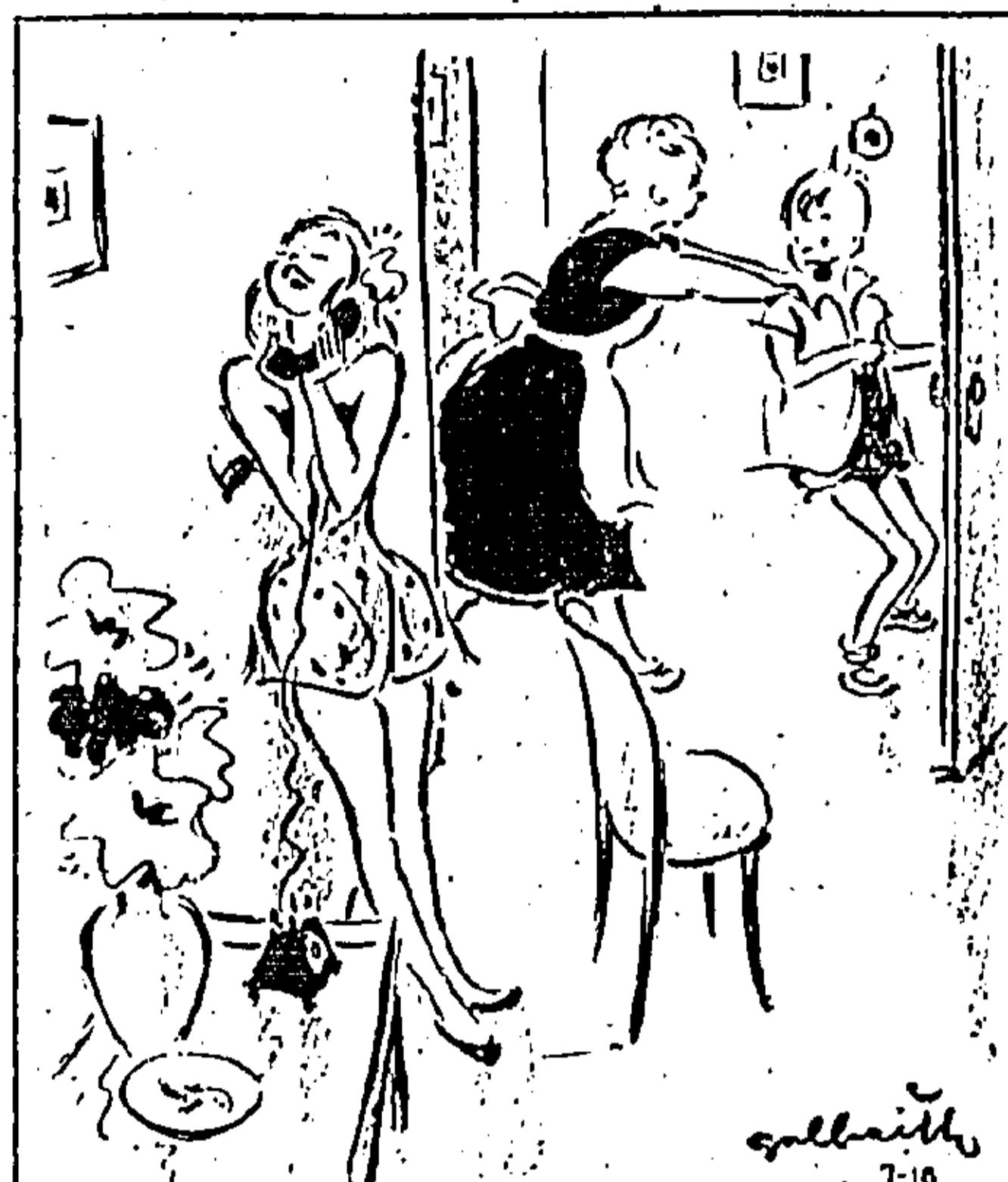
What prospects do Hongkong students, rejected by the HKU, have of getting into overseas universities?

The acting Registrar of the Hongkong University, Professor P.K. Prestley said yesterday:

"It all depends on the faculty. If they are going in for medicine their prospects are practically nil. Engineering is rather better but still difficult. In other faculties it is often rather easy."

"The situation differs in various parts of the world, but if students are interested in medicine they are just wasting their time in Australia, Canada or Britain trying to get into university."

#### SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"Sis ought to be in Hollywood all right—she sure can put on a beautiful act when she's talking to a new boy friend!"

## JAPANESE ECONOMIC TALKS WITH SOUTHEAST ASIA GOVTs

Mr. Ataru Kobayashi, Japanese roving ambassador, arrived at Kai Tak in transit this morning on his way to Bangkok.

During a tour of Southeast Asia, he will hold economic talks with a number of governments.

Mr. Kobayashi, who stayed for about an hour, told the Press that he was going to study conditions in those countries and discuss economic problems with their governments.

He said he would also explain the Southeast Asian development fund scheme, which Premier Kishi proposed recently.

#### Many Problems

This development fund, Mr. Kobayashi said, entailed many problems, and detailed explanation of its nature, was necessary.

Speaking on devaluation, he said it was "absolutely impossible" for the Yen to be devalued.

Japan's economic situation was such that more improvement was forecast in the near future.

Mr. Kobayashi said devaluation had never been considered. He added that inflation had never existed in Japan.

All Southeast Asian countries, he stated, had good trade relations with Japan, and the nation was taking steps to promote that relationship to a still higher level.

Mr. Kobayashi, former President of the Japanese Development Bank, will be away from Japan for about 50 days.

#### More Illegal Immigrants

Six men picked up on Ping Chan island as illegal immigrants are being questioned by Police today, it was authoritatively learned.

The six were picked up on Tuesday morning and they told Police they came from Hol Fung, south of Shantou. They were wearing ordinary clothes.

But the police know nothing of "the saga of a daring escape in the Sea Horse 2073."

Commenting on reports that 20 men had escaped from the Chinese mainland, the Government Public Relations Office said: "Parties of illegal immigrants often attempt to land on Hongkong territory and these may be just another. But the only record the Police have that approximates this report is that a party of six came from Hol Fung and are now being held for questioning."

## Malayan Financier's Plans For Wanchai

A Malayan financier who bought property in Wanchai last November, intends to develop sites of 11 houses in that area.

Rents in the new structures are expected to yield more than eight times the present total.

Details of the first part of the scheme involving five houses Nos. 32-40 Lee Tung Street, were laid before Tenancy Tribunal President, Mr. W. F. Plotterling, this morning.

#### Five New Houses

Mr. Oon Yin-choy of Malaya, was represented in court by his power of attorney, Mr. Kong Sin-hing. He has placed his building scheme in the hands of Mr. Wong Cho-tong, registered architect, who has drawn up plans for five new houses to cost \$225,000.

Mr. W. I. Cheung of Messrs P. H. Sin and Company, who appeared for the owner, said that the site is in need of re-development and that some of the houses were infested with white ants.

At present the rental accruing from tenants of the five existing tenement houses totals \$0,700 a year.

The estimated annual rental from the new six-storey structure was quoted at \$80,300. The decision whether or not exception of the property will be recommended will be announced later.

## MOTORBOAT TOOK TOO MANY PASSENGERS

Leung Cheung, 63, motorboat coxswain, was fined \$40 by Mr. D. L. P. Edwards at the Marine Court this morning for carrying eight passengers in excess of the 22 he was allowed to carry.

Defendant, who was interdicted in Hunghom Bay on August 14, said the boat which was usually engaged in carrying coolies to and from the Hunghom reclamation was out of order and he was asked to take them after work.

So Kan, 51, was cautioned for illegally towing another motorboat on August 12 near buoy A4. Defendant said the other boat, which belonged to the same company as his vessel, had engine trouble and he was called to give assistance.

The arresting officer told the Court that defendant did not tell him about this at the time of arrest.

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